

CALIFORNIA CODES
GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 14055-14055.4

14055. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Elderly persons and persons with **disabilities** have the same rights as other persons to utilize mass transportation facilities and services.

(b) As administered by the state, funding under Section 5310 of Title 49 of the United States **Code** is dedicated to providing special transportation for elderly persons and persons with **disabilities** in all areas of the state, including urban, small urban, and rural areas.

(c) The goal of this federal program is to improve mobility for elderly persons and persons with **disabilities** for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

(d) Additionally, the federal program should be coordinated with other area paratransit service providers and the consolidated transportation service agency designated pursuant to Section 15975, where applicable.

(e) Within the state, those eligible to receive grants shall include all of the following:

(1) Nonprofit corporations and associations which provide transportation services for elderly persons and persons with **disabilities**.

(2) Public agencies approved to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with **disabilities**, including a consolidated transportation service agency designated pursuant to Section 15975.

(3) Public agencies that certify that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service.

14055.1 The department shall act as the applicant for grants of funds to provide mass transit services to meet the special needs of elderly persons and persons with **disabilities** pursuant to Section 5310 of Title 49 of the United States **Code**. The department shall coordinate the funding and administration of available funds as prescribed by this article.

14055.2. Funds made available to the department shall be allocated as follows:

(a) Not more than 5 percent of the annual federal apportionment may be retained by the department for the cost of administering grants.

(b) The remaining funds shall be allocated by the department, as directed by the commission, consistent with Section 14055.

14055.3. The commission shall establish an appeals process.

14055.4. Prior to approving its program of projects, the commission shall hold not less than one public hearing.